

NEGRO CONFERENCE TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Annual Gathering Addressed By
Professor Booker Washing-
ton Yesterday.

Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 17.—Booker T. Washington called to order the 13th annual Tuskegee negro conference to-day in the presence of more than 2,000 negro farmers.

Resolutions were adopted declaring in favor of efforts to secure homes and land for the negro, the exercise of thrift, keeping out of debt, getting rid of the "log cabin" idea and building of churches and schools.

In connection with the educational interests a high standard of morality was urged.

The resolutions declared that the moral condition of the negro, as a race in the south, is improving, and that there is no evidence that education has increased crime among the negroes.

The negro is urged to refrain from crime and to join with the whites in the maintenance of law and order.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—Major Skol, released to the Japanese legation at St. Petersburg, left today on the transcontinental train for Vancouver, where he hopes to catch the Empress of China on the 22nd.

THE DUKE DECLINES.

Prince Arthur Reported to Have Refused New Appointment.

London, Feb. 17.—It is stated that the Duke of Connaught, brother of the King, has refused the newly created post of inspector-general on the ground that public policy demands that should be given to Lieut.-General Grenfell.

SEEKING ECONOMY.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Dr. MacKay, secretary of the Presbyterian Mission Board, leaves tomorrow to visit the industrial school at Regina. The cost of maintenance has greatly increased, and Dr. MacKay hopes to make some better arrangements with the government.

INSURANCE THAT DID NOT INSURE

Baltimore Companies Bank-
rupt and Now Offering
Compromise.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17.—Application was made today for the appointment of a receiver for the Old Town Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore. The bill of complaint alleges that the company is insolvent and unable to pay the claims against it by reason of the fire.

The company is said to have assets of \$124,970 and liabilities of \$254,470. Receiver Richard P. Post of the Peabody Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore, announced today that the company will pay policy holders in the burned district 40 cents on the dollar. The policies of the company not affected by the fire have been taken over by an out-of-town company.

NOMINATIONS IN GASPE.

Quebec, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Saturday will be nomination day in the Gaspé by-election, which has been caused by the appointment of Rodolphe Lamontagne as minister-general.

NO INTERFERENCE.

British House Negatives Motion Affecting Transvaal Legislation.

London, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons today a motion objecting to the admission of Chinese laborers into South Africa was defeated by a majority of 51.

ANOTHER COMPLAINT.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 17.—The intense cold weather and penetrating wind is seriously affecting the schedules of railway trains and travel on rural roads was abandoned today. Despite the large accumulation of snow, the frost has penetrated the ground to the depth of more than five feet.

SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Setauket, L. I., Feb. 17.—The two-masted schooner John Crookford, of New York, bound from Stratford, Conn., for Bayonne, N. J., with empty oil barrels, was abandoned today off this place. Captain Grison and his men were stranded ashore on the ice, a distance of three miles. The Crookford had been drifting about the sound fast in the ice a number of days and provisions were exhausted.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

Weak-Minded Father Adjuncted Responsible for Daughter's Death.

Stratford, Feb. 17.—Elias Mehm has been convicted of manslaughter by the jury at the assizes here with a recommendation to mercy for allowing his fourteen-year-old daughter to die of typhoid fever without providing medical aid. Mehm professes to be longing to no sect, but to believe prayer as the only remedy for disease. Counsel described him as weak minded. The judge, acting on the jury's recommendation, allowed Mehm to go on a suspended sentence.

ALBANIANS IN REVOLT.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—Sixteen thousand Albanians are in revolt in the district of Diskova against the reform plans of the powers for Macedonia and against obnoxious taxes. Conflicts have occurred with the Turkish troops, the latter being defeated with heavy loss.

London, Feb. 17.—A despatch received here from Sofia says that Russia has officially notified the Bulgarian government that any encouragement given by Bulgaria for the removal of the influence in Macedonia will be regarded as an act of hostility, which will be promptly and forcibly prevented.

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Soft Mellow Flavored Whiskey Produced by Age and Quality

Torpedo Attack

(Continued From Page One.)

shima, where the Emperor will personally watch the embarkation of the troops.

Tientsin, Feb. 17.—The Russians explain that the wholesale arrest of Japanese at Harbin and elsewhere was due to the discovery that Japan had upwards of 100 spies, of whom sixty belonged to the Japanese staff. It is feared the British steamer Hsi Ping, bound from China Wang Tao for Shanghai, with passengers and bullion, has been captured. She is five days overdue and was last seen in Port Arthur roads.

Moscow, Feb. 17.—Prince Gatakh has donated \$5,000 toward the construction of a fast cruiser. Count Dazoroi contributed \$10,000, and a private concern has given the sum of \$250,000 for the success of the sick and wounded.

Reports from various cities in Russia tell of appropriations for Red Cross work by public organizations. The average subscription is \$5,000.

Hakodate, Feb. 17.—Violation of every rule of civilized warfare and wanton murder of non-combatants is charged by passengers who arrived here this afternoon on board the British steamer Missouri, Capt. Brice, which sailed for San Francisco, via this port, from Nagasaki on January 3. The Missouri was a witness, while near Yezo Island, of the attack on two small Japanese merchantmen by the four vessels of the Russian Siberian fleet.

The two vessels, according to the story brought to port by the Missouri, were surprised at the Russians. The latter fired across the bows of both craft, the usual signal to heave to.

The captain of the ship immediately pulled down his flag and threw his steamer into the wind. This action, instead of being pleasing to the Russians, seemed to exasperate them, and they began firing at the vessels. The commander of the other ship, being nearly out of range, quickly clapped on all steam and took a chance in order to escape. He succeeded, more through the poor fire of the Russians than his own good management, leaving his ship to her fate.

According to the story told by the passengers on the Missouri, the Russian squadron steamed around the ill-fated vessel firing at her with their big guns, and hitting her more than once. Finally, although the Japanese unarmed vessel had done her best to surrender, a torpedo was launched from the Russian flagship, which struck the Japanese ship, and she sank.

The Russians, according to this report, made no attempt to rescue the 33 persons on board, and they all perished miserably. The Missouri was not allowed to be of any assistance to the victims, neither was her commander in a position to defy the Russians if he desired to. When the news of the outrage reached here it caused a profound sensation.

Copenhagen, Feb. 17.—A despatch has been received here from Wisby, Island of Gotland, saying that six Russian warships passed the island February 15, and that they were headed south.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The German admiralty discredits the report that the Japanese first upon the German gunboats Hansa, Thetis, or any other German war vessel far Eastern waters.

Even if it happened, it is assumed to have been a mistake.

Sasebo, Japan, Feb. 17.—Impressive funeral services were held today over the remains of three officers and two men of the Japanese battleship Fuji, who were killed by the Russian fire during the first attack on Port Arthur. The religious ceremonies were conducted by a Shinto priest, and the funeral oration was delivered by Admiral Samewi.

Washington, Feb. 17.—It is understood that the opening of Wiju is directly attributable to Japanese activity in Korea. For while the Russian minister, was unable to induce the King to open a single port in addition to Chemulpo, it is probable that the American state department at once sent word to the Japanese representative at Wiju by a consul or commercial agent.

Imprudent Japanese, Feb. 17.—The Japanese government has been criticized for its imprudent action in allowing the Japanese battleship Fuji to be captured by the Russians. The ship was a valuable asset to the Japanese navy, and its capture is a severe blow to their military power.

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DEAD SENATOR'S FUNERAL.

Body of Mark Hanna Leaves Washington for Pittsburgh.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The train bearing the remains of Senator Hanna left Washington for Cleveland at 6 o'clock tonight. On the train are all the members of the late Senator's family and a number of personal friends. The casket was taken from the United States capitol building at 4:45 p. m. and was escorted to the Pennsylvania Railroad station by the committee on Senators and Representatives, which had charge of the funeral.

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Concert Is Now A Certainty

The Response to the Lifeboat
Committee's Invitation
Was Spontaneous.

Initial Practice of the Oratorio
"The Creation" Held
Last Evening.

When it was first mooted that the Lifeboat Association intended asking for a repetition of the oratorio "Creation" on the 8th of March in the Metropolitan Methodist church, none of the committee anticipated the very responsive which has been accorded the scheme.

The practice held last evening was in every respect a success. There was a large turnout and very many who know the grand music of Haydn's masterpiece and did not sing in the chorus last December willingly consented to assist in the coming production.

Mrs. Hon. the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Lubbock have kindly consented to become patrons and it is fully expected that His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Barnard, the naval officer commanding Esquimaux, Lieut.-Colonel Gordon, Lieut.-Colonel Holmes, Senators McDonald and Templeman will also extend their patronage. At Tuesday's committee meeting it was decided that such a request should be made and His Honor has already responded giving his consent.

The committee intend asking the co-operation of the Daughters of Pity in organizing the affair.

Miss Bradley has written from Tacoma agreeing to take the soprano solo as before, and a first-class production is assured.

Mr. Taylor, the manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, has consented to act as honorary treasurer and tickets can be secured from that gentlemen or from the honorary secretary of the Lifeboat Association, Mr. Joseph Pearson, J. P.

The Lifeboat Committee ask the hearty co-operation of the general public in this enterprise, and if it can be made a financial success it will assist most materially in raising the necessary funds to purchase the proposed steam lifeboat for Victoria.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Arrangements are now made
For Filling in of James'
Bay Flats.

The adjourned special meeting of the city council was held last night in the committee room to decide on the agreement with the B. C. Electric Railway Company, Limited, for landing filling for the James' Bay and Mats. The committee asked the mayor and Aldermen Graham, Elford, Goodacre, Oddy, Stewart and Vincent.

The special committee's report regarding the purchase of lot 47 Spring Ridge, was read, as follows:

Your committee, who have had this matter in hand, beg to report that they find it impracticable to carry out the recommendation contained in the latter portion of the report presented by us to the city council on the 3rd inst., insofar as it relates to the acquisition of a right of way to lot 47 over lot 29 of fireweed lot 17.

Your committee would, therefore, now recommend that all reference in said report of the 3rd inst. to said right of way, and the portion of the report terminating with the seventeenth line, both inclusive, be rescinded, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

We recommend that the corporation acquire a temporary right of way over acre lot No. 49, with a view to facilitating the laying of a temporary track to the property proposed to be purchased. The owner of said acre lot No. 49 has agreed to allow said right of way for a period of twelve months in consideration of the payment of an annual sum of \$100 for the use of the current year. Mr. Styles, the owner of acre lot 48 has agreed to allow free right of way over said acre lot 48.

We further recommend that proper agreements be entered up and duly executed by the owners of said lots 48 and 49.

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LADYSMITH SMELTER.

Manager of Tyee Works Reports Greatly Increased Mining Output.

Mr. Thos. Kiddie, manager of the Tyee smelter, arrived in the city on Tuesday evening and is a guest at the Vernon. To a Colonist reporter that gentleman last night stated that the output from mines all through the country were very encouraging; in fact, generally, mining was looking up. The Copper Queen is now taking out over thirty tons a day, and are at present shipping a large amount of ore to Ladysmith. The Marble Bay is taking out from forty to fifty tons per day and shipping to Crofton.

The Puget Sound Iron Company, on the west side of Vancouver Island, have new machinery on the ground, and are sinking a new shaft. They are also shipping to Ladysmith smelter. Colonel Donnet is working a property called the N. E. South, Texada Island. Mr. Kiddie reports that the Ladysmith smelter is now turning out over 275 tons a day, and will continue to do so for some time.

THE ALASKA DIGGINGS.

Just Returned Traveler Says Outlook For Trade Is Encouraging.

Mr. A. B. Newall, general manager of the White Pass & Yukon railway, arrived in the city last night after an absence of three months in the East. A Colonist reporter called on that gentleman and had the pleasure of a few moments' conversation. Mr. Newall said, as yet, the company had not made any arrangements for the coming season, but thought that steamboat traffic, etc., would be run on pretty much the same lines as last year.

We, of course, said Mr. Newall, expect a big rush into the new district, and will operate a steamer, and perhaps two, on the Yukon river between White Horse and Mendonhall, which is only a distance of 55 miles, to communicate with the Alaska diggings. Mr. Newall said that the very encouraging from that district, and he, personally, has heard, on very good authority, that although the country is very fair and covers a very large area. There are, at present, judging from reports, over 200 people in the district, with the likelihood of a large rush in the spring. Mr. Newall says that the outlook for the Yukon trade is very encouraging, and when the river opens they will be quite able to cope with it. This has been the hardest winter we have yet had to struggle with, the weather being very severe with very heavy snowstorms and high winds. However, we have managed so far to give them a daily service.

Mr. Newall, in speaking of the big theatre fire, said he was in Chicago at the time, several of those lost being intimate acquaintances of his. It was a most appalling sight and terrible calamity, and cast a gloom over the whole city for days.

TRADES' COUNCIL.

Some Important Matters Dealt With at Regular Weekly Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last night, President Yarrow in the chair. A large number of delegates in attendance. Credentials were received from the Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers' Union, appointing Miss A. Greig; Garment Workers' Union, appointing Miss M. W. C. and Miss O. S. S. and the Citizens' Union reappointing J. M. Finn. Communications were received from the Cigar-makers' Union, protesting that there were no local or domestic cigars on sale at the bar in the Parliament building.

From the International Longshoremen and Marine and Transport Workers' Association, asking help in further organizing that body.

From the International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' Union, asking that the council become interested in organizing a branch of their union in this city.

From the Hull, Quebec, Paper Makers' Union, asking assistance in their strike with the E. B. Eddy Paper Company.

The Texada Miners' Union sent a letter protesting against the finding of the labor commission, which sat here some time ago.

P. M. Draper, secretary of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, wrote suggesting that a committee on the part of the local union should be sent to all the members of the Dominion parliament. The secretary was ordered to have the Dominion Trades Congress bring the matter before the Dominion parliament.

The proposal of the Dominion Trades Congress to raise a defence fund by the assessment of 1 per cent per member was voted on and resulted unfavorably to the proposal.

The receipts for the evening were \$22. Council adjourned at 10:10.

PNEUMONIA IN CHICAGO.

Over 3,000 people died of pneumonia in Chicago last year. In every case the disease resulted from a cold. Had the cold been promptly and properly treated at the outset every one would have recovered. This statement would have been proven by the fact that among the tens of thousands throughout this country who use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to cure their colds, no other remedy shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of pneumonia. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has gained its wide reputation and enormous sales by the prompt and efficient cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. For sale by all druggists.

"The average married woman," said Hon. Brock, "works her game so as to keep her husband at home and get control of the purse strings."

"Oh, I don't know," replied the other, whose wife is a cute, cool little creature, "sometimes she plays her game so as to keep the money in the house to the same end."—Philadelphia Press.

CATARRH A DEADLY SCOURGE.

It Ruins Health, Causes Deafness, and Ends in Consumption.

Physicians have been experimenting for years with the various remedies, and are now fully convinced that the only reliable remedy is the Ozonated Air Cure, Catarrhazone, a healing, balsamic vapor that is inhaled to all parts of the breathing organ.

Catarrhazone kills the germs that cause the inflamed condition of the mucous membrane. It relieves pain across the eyes, clears the nose and throat of offensive discharges, and cures all other sickening symptoms of the disease.

So certain is Catarrhazone to cure that the manufacturers guarantee it, and will refund the money if it fails.

This is the most generous offer ever made, and one that no firm could afford if their remedy was not the best. If not cured you don't have to pay, therefore you can't make a mistake in selecting Catarrhazone.

Catarrhazone gives wonderful relief in cases where the hearing is poor, and where there is a continual dripping of mucus. If the nose and throat are inflamed it will clear them in a few minutes.

"For years," says Mr. Lane of Austin, Texas, "I tried to get rid of the nasal catarrh. I used douches, atomizers, and tablets, but they did me no good. Then I tried Catarrhazone and was relieved in a few hours. Catarrhazone cured me in one week."

Two months' treatment costs one dollar, and is guaranteed to cure; trial size 25c. Sold by druggists or by mail from N. C. Tolson & Co., Kingston, Ont., or Hartford, Conn., U. S. A. Buy Catarrhazone today.

Victoria's Busy Store.

First Bargain Day After Stocking

Broken assortments and oddments brought to the top, we do not want them, have determined to get them out, priced all oddments so low that they will go out fast. This is going to be a record

FRIDAY BARGAIN DAY

Grand Friday Bargains Second Floor

\$2.50 Wrappers \$1.50
30 only Ladies' Fine Cashmere Wrappers with tight-fitting waist lining, full flounce and perfect fitting. Regular \$2.50.
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\$1.25 Print Wrappers 50c
Ladies' Elderdawn Dressing Scaques, pink and white, trimmed with velvet. Regular \$2.50.
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WHITEWEAR
All broken assortments of White Wear leave us Friday. Be here early and you will get some snags. We just mention one line. Ladies' Fine White Gowns. Regular \$1.25. FRIDAY BARGAIN75c.

Attractive Corset Bargains

\$1.50 Corsets 65c
55 pairs Perfect Fitting Corsets, Correct Styles; sizes 19, 20, 25, 26 and 29. Regular \$1.50.
coats, some Nurses' Cravenette Cloaks, FRIDAY BARGAIN\$1.50

P. D. Corsets \$1.50 Worth \$3.50
This well known Corset will sell quick at this low price. All good styles. Regular \$3.50.
FRIDAY BARGAIN\$1.50

Children's White Dresses, Friday Half Price. Now Is the Time to Buy Furs Half Price.

\$1.75 Underskirts 75c
12 only Ladies' Colored and Black Underskirts, cut full, with deep flounce. Regular values, \$1.75 and \$1.50 each.
FRIDAY BARGAIN75c.

\$7.50 Silk Skirts \$3.50
15 only Ladies' Pure Silk Underskirts, with deep ruffles, and in good color effects. Worth up to \$7.50 each.
FRIDAY BARGAIN\$3.50

\$11.25 Misses Tailor-Made Suits for \$3.50
Misses Man-Tailored Suits, made in a fine English Serge, in Navy and Reseda. Regular values \$8.75 to \$11.25 suit. FRIDAY BARGAIN\$3.50

\$12.50 Silk Waists \$3.00
11 only Ladies' Handsome Silk Waists, beautifully tucked and trimmed, in sizes 32 and 34 only. Worth up to \$12.50 each.
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\$5.00 Raincoats \$1.50
A special lot of Ladies Rubber-lined Raincoats, some Nurses' Cravenette Cloaks, in the lot. Worth up to \$5.00 each.
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19.00 Cashmere Tea Gowns 5.00
15 Ladies' High Class Cashmere Tea Gowns, richly trimmed with lace, etc. Worth up to \$19.00 each.
FRIDAY BARGAIN\$5.00

Staple Department Bargains for Friday
This Popular Department right to the front with a most attractive Friday Programme. Many of the offerings are bound to go out quick. Would advise you to shop early.

12 1-2c worth up to 35c
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THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

The results of the eight bye-elections in Eastern Canada on Tuesday cannot but be regarded as satisfactory to the Conservative cause. The net result is the gain of one seat for the Opposition, and that the important constituency of St. John, New Brunswick. The change of nearly thirteen hundred in the vote as compared with the result in St. John in the General Election in 1900, when Mr. Blair was returned, is most significant. The Liberal excuse for this unexpected electoral disaster is that there was local feeling against the Government because Moncton, and not St. John, had been selected as the eastern terminus of the proposed Government railway to Winnipeg to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific line. Even assuming that such a feeling had something to do with the surprising result of the election, and the incidents in the campaign at St. John did not bear out that supposition, we fail to see how such a circumstance would change the significance of the rejection by the electors of the Government candidate. A government stands or falls according as the preponderance of public opinion is favorable or adverse to it. If the people of New Brunswick view with disapproval the Government's policy in connection with the Moncton-Winnipeg railway, they will show that disapproval when the opportunity is presented to them just as the voters in St. John did on Tuesday last. The election of the Opposition candidate in the commercial centre of New Brunswick as the result of a change of nearly 1,300 votes, must also be regarded as an endorsement of Mr. Blair's action in retiring from the Cabinet rather than share in the responsibility of the policy which the Government had enunciated. The vote on Tuesday must be taken as an indication that New Brunswick can no longer be regarded as with the Liberal Federal administration. That Province has been well taken care of in the matter of representation in the Cabinet and the other ways in which the party in power can show its recognition, not only of what the past has given it but of favors to come. What has caused the change in political sentiment in the Province is of no importance. For practical purposes it is sufficient to recognize the change.

In the elections in Quebec and Ontario the Conservatives have good reason to be satisfied with the results. While they did not capture any seat hitherto held by a Liberal, they held their own. It is also worthy of note that in every constituency, with the exception of Montmagny, in which the Liberal had a little larger majority than at the previous election, the Liberal majorities were reduced and the Conservative majorities larger than at the former elections. In some cases the Conservatives more than doubled their majority. We are not disposed to exult unduly over these facts, but they are significant as indicating the trend of opinion among the people of the two greatest Provinces in the Dominion—the two, moreover, in which, from local circumstances, the Government of the day is always able to bring much influence to bear. As a fact bye-elections in Canada generally go in favor of the party in power. Hence the importance of the fact that in eight bye-elections the Government not only secured no advantage, but actually lost a most important constituency cannot be ignored. Taking a moderate and non-partisan view of the situation as shown by the results of these eight elections, it would seem that the tide of Liberal opinion has not only reached its height but is on the ebb. Whether it will run out faster or slower will depend not a little on the course of events during the next few months, especially in connection with the proceedings at the Parliamentary session next month. That Sir Wilfrid Laurier realizes the seriousness of the present situation is shown by the personal efforts he made during the recent campaigns in the constituencies in Quebec and in the additions he has made to his Cabinet of men regarded as likely to bring strength to the administration, even although it may not be possible at the moment to confer portfolios upon them. And the results of Tuesday's elections show that his anxiety is not without reason.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

It is almost impossible to reach any definite conclusion on the manner in which the operations in the Far East are proceeding from the reports that are available. It is quite evident that both the Japanese and Russians are endeavoring to prevent the details of their movements from being known, except with such a coloring as suits their purposes. It is, however, certain that the war has reached the stage at which the operations of both the combatants will gradually be disclosed and it is possible to follow the course of the campaign, whether on land or sea, and understand the object which either of them has in view by the movements they may make.

Although it seems probable that the sudden attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur on the 9th instant did not inflict such serious damage on their vessels as was reported in the first despatches, it is evident that the engage-

ment has demoralized the Russian naval plans and also necessitated a change in the operations on land. Later attacks on Port Arthur have not been successful in either destroying the fleet or reducing the fortifications of the place. It is now stated that Russian reinforcements have reached there in sufficient strength to enable the place to be held for a considerable time. The next move on the part of the Japanese will probably be to invest the town by regular siege operations. This may be a very tedious affair unless Japan, by securing absolute control of the sea, can make the place untenable. Apparently the Russians now regard Port Arthur as safe, and will direct their main efforts to bringing up such an overwhelming force as will prevent any success attending the Japanese movements in Korea. But the difficulties of transport that the Russian commanders will have to overcome will be very great, and upon their success in that matter the result of the campaign will probably depend. The Russian fleet from Vladivostok has returned to that port without having accomplished anything of importance. It is difficult to know what is the situation as regards the Russian supplies of coal, the accounts being very contradictory. But there seems reason to believe that they are not as large as the naval commanders could have desired, and if that is the case, their operations may be seriously restricted.

THE CHALLAM DISASTER.

Both in Seattle and Victoria there is much dissatisfaction at the result of the investigation held in Seattle on the causes of the foundering of the steamship Chalam last month with its terrible loss of life. From the opening of the inquiry until its close it was impossible for those who followed the proceedings to rid themselves of the belief that the intention of those conducting the investigation was to clear the commander of the ill-fated vessel of the heavier charges which seemed to rest upon him. That aim required that the chief blame for the disaster should be placed on someone else, and a scapegoat was found in the person of the engineer of the vessel. The decision of the board of inquiry will deprive him of the opportunity of continuing to follow his occupation, while his superior officer gets off with a suspension of his certificate for twelve months. It seems to us that the relative responsibility of these two men has been entirely ignored in the decision of the board of inquiry. Granted that the engineer did not in some respects at the time of peril do all that a man with his experience and training might have been expected to do, the commander of the vessel failed utterly to display those qualities that a person in his position should have shown. It is almost incomprehensible that he should not have thought of his business to know how things were going on below by personal investigation. A commander's responsibility is not confined, like that of an engineer, to one department in the operation of his vessel, and it would cause much uneasiness to travelers by steamers were it supposed that their commanders followed such methods as the captain of the unfortunate Chalam has been shown to have done. While it would seem that he was only concerned on saving the vessel, and that at the smallest expense for assistance or salvage, his conduct, as shown by the evidence of the witnesses at the inquiries here and at Seattle, did not indicate that he was equal to the responsibility which his position entailed. The result of the inquiry is most unsatisfactory from every point of view.

RAILWAY COMBINE.

Representatives of the Hill-Harriman railroads are in conference at New York. The Harriman and Hill roads are competitive lines, and there has been great friction in the past. The plan now is to arrange for a division of territory, for rates and mutual track-aid rights which will permit the two great systems to be operated in perfect harmony. It is generally believed an agreement will be reached which will do away with all possibility of either road building into the territory of the other. In other words, the progress or decay of certain sections is to be determined by the railway magnates. Enterprise and investment by private parties count for naught when confronted with the interests of Hill and Harriman, which are ever considered first.

WAS RUSSIA UNPREPARED?

As one swallow does not make a summer, so one, two or three victories on the sea achieved by the Japanese will not decide the Oriental war which is now on with all its attendant horrors and waste of men and material. That the Russians have met with severe reverses may be accepted as a fact; although the despatches are so vague and contradictory as to give rise to the suspicion that they have been seriously censored. The truth must, of course, be learned soon, and we are quite prepared to hear that the Russians have not as yet been wiped out as a maritime power. What may happen later on it is difficult to surmise, but as British sympathies are all with the Japanese in their struggle for national existence "our hopes may be our fears" and lead us to anticipate victories that may never be achieved. There was a most significant and alarming statement in yesterday's despatches. It was asserted that the captain of a Russian warship, which was blown to atoms by a mine it was engaged in laying, had in his possession a chart on which all the mines he had previously laid were marked, and that the chart was lost with him. It will be readily understood with what feeling of fear and uncertainty the waters in the neighborhood of Port Arthur will be navigated in the future, and how the ships of both nations—in fact, of all nations—that may sail there will be imperilled. The danger of being blown up by their own mines confronts the Russians at the very outset of the contest; but there is another factor equally as potent. There are said to be only 30,000 tons of coal stored at Port Arthur and at stations along the Manchurian railway, and as the Japanese now command the Yellow Sea from their position at Masampo, the Russian fleets in a few days will be entirely out of coal and the Manchurian railway will be out of business in a few

weeks more. Russia is fighting far from her base, while Japan is practically fighting on her own ground. Port Arthur and Vladivostok, nearly 1,200 miles apart, are Russia's only naval ports in the Orient. Vladivostok, being inaccessible during the winter months, only Port Arthur remains as a harbor of refuge and defence for upwards of eighty vessels, and if despatches are to be relied on, even that port is in danger of being hermetically sealed by the grounding and sinking of Russian ironclads. Japan, on the other hand, has four dockyards and five naval harbors, five of which are distant only 240 to 355 miles from Port Arthur. Thus Russia has "all her eggs in one basket," while Japan's dockyards and naval posts are located on three islands, difficult to approach, well fortified and impossible to blockade. Another difficulty that confronts the Russians is the probability that the trans-Siberian railway will be cut and the only possible medium of supply and reinforcement rendered useless. A further obstacle to their success is the want of forage for the cavalry and food for the sustenance of a large land force. The situation, so far as the Russians are concerned, is one of great gravity, and a few more Japanese successes may quickly decide the struggle and prove the means of beating back the Muscovite invasion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Sir,—In today's Colonist, paragraphs appear to the effect that a sub-committee, composed of a representative from Canada and another from the United States, are to be appointed to determine the Alaskan boundary. It is stated that "all of the actual work will have to be done in the summer season, as the mountainous region to be traversed is buried in ice and snow during the winter months." Would it not be better in every respect to change the location of the boundary from the mountainous region, more especially as the London convention has already changed the route recommended, carried away from the line of demarcation mentioned in the Treaty of 1825, and by this suggestion have the question fairly and finally settled by submitting it to the Hague peace tribunal, and every large number of British citizens who are dissatisfied with Lord Alverston's decision, and the substitution by the convention of a new line of demarcation?

ALEXANDER BEGG.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17th, 1904.

A PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY.

Sir,—It may interest your readers to learn some facts relative to the land endowment of Toronto University. On the 20th of July, 1796, Lieutenant-Governor Simcoe, in a despatch to the Colonial Secretary, says: "Appropriations of Crown lands may be made agreeable to the opinion of the Executive Council to be sold hereafter for public purposes—the first and chief of which I beg to offer with all respect must be the creation and endowment of a university, from which, more than any other source, circumstances whatever, an attachment to His Majesty, morality and religion, will be fostered and take root throughout the whole province."

During the session of the legislature of Upper Canada held the following year (1797), a joint address from both Houses was presented to His Majesty, praying that a certain portion of the waste lands of the Crown should be apportioned to form a fund "for the establishment of a respectable grammar school in each district; and also of a college or university where the youth of the country might be enabled to perfect themselves in the different branches of liberal knowledge." In a despatch dated November 4th, 1797, the Colonial Secretary communicated to Mr. Prescott Russell, the Crown's compliance with the address of the legislature, and directed him to consult the Executive Council, judges and law officers, as to the mode in which the lands might be sold, and a portion of the Crown lands might be appropriated for the establishment of free grammar schools and a university; which despatch was communicated on the 18th of June, 1798.

On December 1st, 1798, the Executive Council reported its unanimous opinion that His Majesty's intention regarding free grammar schools and a university for Upper Canada could only be effected by "a liberal provision for their establishment and maintenance." They therefore recommended "that an appropriation of 500,000 acres, or ten per cent. of the waste lands of the Crown should be set apart to form a sufficient fund for the establishment and maintenance of four grammar schools and a university in the province of Upper Canada."

In 1798 twelve townships of Crown lands—240,217 acres, were set apart for the purposes indicated. It was not until 1819, however, that the Executive Council was asked to consider "a plan for establishing a university in the province." In 1823 100,573 acres of the endowment were appropriated for the establishment of grammar schools, leaving some 255,000 acres for the proposed university, under the title of King's College, which was accordingly founded by Royal charter as a Church of England foundation. Mr. John Jarvis, of Meaford, was its first president. In 1837 this charter was amended, and the university put upon a broad non-denominational basis. In 1849 the name of King's College was changed to that of the University of Toronto, and an Endowment Board of five members appointed by the Crown, together with the Speakers of the two Houses, the law officers of the Crown, the president and certain professors, to take charge and management of the university property. It is interesting to note that Sir Francis Hicks afterwards, Finance Minister of Canada was for a time chairman of the board.

Once a liberal endowment is made by the province and vested in a strong board of Management, the friends of higher education can then relax and wait till the progress and growth of the province will justify the establishment of a provincial university. In the meantime the government might encourage the ambitious and enterprising youth by offering each year a certain number of scholarships, tenable for three or four years at either Toronto University or McGill College, Montreal.

C. C. MECAUL.

Vancouver, February 16th, 1904.

PRESS COMMENT.

This fable, dealing with the fall of Witte, the Russian Finance Minister, is related in a recent brochure entitled "A Glimpse at the Secrets of Russian Policy," published at Vienna: "The Czar dreamed the following singular dream: He saw three cows, one fat, one lean and one blind. The next day he sent for the Metropolitan and begged him to explain the dream, but the Metropolitan declined. The Czar then sent for Father John, of Kronstadt, and made the same request to him. Father John stroked his long curly hair with his hand and made reply in the following words: 'Your Majesty, I understand your dream in this way: The fat cow is the Finance Minister, the lean cow is the Russian people and the blind one is—' 'Don't be afraid; go on,' said the Czar. 'The blind cow is—Your Majesty.'"

Of course, scientists long ago, as Sir Oliver says, has foreseen the facts in regard to the atomic theory now being demonstrated by radium. It is in the new source of energy, however, due to the breaking up of atoms, the scientists now see a gateway leading to wonders of which even the "Scientific Imagination" has never before dreamed. Once radium can be made, as Sir Oliver seems to think it can be, of simple elements, and brought by its cheapness within the sphere of practical everyday

utility, then a new wonderland will be opened up, comparable only with that upon which the world entered in the age of electricity.—N. Y. World.

Engagements are entered into far more lightly and broken far more easily than used to be the case, when a betrothal was as serious an affair as marriage. Now it is not unusual for a girl to be engaged once or twice before she is married, and people think none the worse of her. Young girls, who are beginning to resemble those of husbands who walk out with a man, but not always with a view to matrimony.—Lady Greville in London Graphic.

Thus it may come about that Russia may find herself isolated in the East—especially in the event of her beating Japan, and thus threatening the trade of Northern China. Of course, Germany might buy the valuable friendship of Russia by going over to her now; but that would almost certainly dislocate the entire European combination and bring about a new alignment. In any event, if hostilities come, the European powers will be at least as well worth watching as the Korean waters; for there is were any really dangerous conflagration will start.—Montreal Star.

IN MEMORIAM.

Feb. 13th, 1900.
Where flows the lonely Modder's turbid wave.

On Afric's dusty yield, so lone so wide,
By yonder kopje is a long low grave,
Where sleep our brave Canadians side by side.

Ever their place was found in the thickest fight,
And on Paardeburg's field they led the way.

Through the gates of death, for valor and right;
Twofold was the victory won that day.

There in the cold, cold ranks of death they lay,
With a look on each face of triumph won.

Bathed in the glow of the sunset ray,
It was thus they slept when their work was done.

Ever the evening shades were softly falling,
They closed the eyes of the noble dead,
And as the sunset bugle was calling,
Solemnly, laid them down in their narrow bed.

The stars, like the tears of a nation's weep,
Look mournfully down on that lonely band.
The winds are sobbing as they softly blow
O'er the grave of that brave Canadian band.

Cedar Hill. M. G.

MEN AND THINGS.

Spokane claims a population of 65,267.

Tacoma street railway men have been detected in a conspiracy to rob the company. One of the clerks at the office resented the idea of 25 cents each that had been decided on, to conductors who in turn, disposed of them to passengers at five cents each. Five warrants of arrest have been issued.

At Tacoma on Monday night a masked man entered a pharmacy and shot down the proprietor who refused to hand over the contents of the till. Two customers witnessed the act and heard the shots fired. The affair occurred at 8:30 in the evening, when the streets were crowded with shoppers.

THE NEW PACIFIC RAILROAD.

New York World.
The filing of a \$50,000,000 mortgage in Salt Lake City by the Western Pacific railroad is a certain proof of the intention to the Pacific of the Gould lines, which now terminate in Salt Lake City. With this line and the projected Northern Pacific route in Canada there will be eight transcontinental railroads, six of them in this country.

In 1850 there was not a mile of railroad west of the Mississippi. Chicago and St. Louis, Cleveland and Buffalo, even Philadelphia and Pittsburgh were not yet connected by rail. The civil war was fought without one railway to the Pacific. Even in 1870 there was but one, the Central Pacific, beyond Kansas a single thread of rails half the country. The next decade saw the completion of the Southern Pacific, and by 1880 the Northern Pacific and Great Northern had been pushed through the growing mountains.

The war taught us the political value of railroads; it was in the first year of the struggle that the first grant of land was voted to the Union and Central Pacific companies. In 1862 the Government gave to this one link between the East and the Far West—an area considerably greater than Pennsylvania. The government granted to all the Western railroads an area equal to more than five Pennsylvania's, but less than one hundred million acres have been turned over. Money loans as well as land grants were given to the railroads, but since 1890 both have been discontinued and the government has reclaimed large areas of forfeited lands and has compromised for the promised repayment of money advanced.

The government has often been criticized for its generosity toward the Far Western lines, but short of government ownership, which was in the early sixties plainly impossible, in no other of the world's railroads so much have been driven across a trackless wilderness where the workmen frightened great herds of buffalo from their staked out lines and where now are populous and prosperous States.

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As the years go by the blood gets thin, watery and impure, and fails to supply the nourishment required to keep vitality at high water mark. Circulation gets bad, and the nervous system suffers. Besides the pains and aches, besides the weakness and dizziness, there are feelings of numbness which tell of the approach of paralysis and locomotor ataxia.

Judging from the experience of the thousands of old people who have testified to this great food cure, it seems to be exactly suited to overcome these conditions, consequent on old age.

Unlike ordinary medicines, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is entirely restorative of the system, while other so-called "blood purifiers" merely seek to force down the tissue. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cures by forming new, firm flesh and tissue and building up the system. It thus permanently overcomes disease and affords lasting benefit.

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City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 10th Feb., 1904.

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Four pieces Quilted Satin, 24 inches wide, extra quality and all good shades, will be sold on Friday at 50c. The following shades in this material: Pale Blue, Nile, Yellow, Old Gold and Brown will be found useful for many purposes.

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We have picked out for Friday 16 Dinner Sets of plain white china, 97 pieces in each set; regular value \$9.75. Friday, \$5.75 set.

Other prices, \$7.50, \$8.75, \$9.50 and \$12.50, all specially reduced.

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\$2.50 for Fans the Former Price of Which Were \$12.50 to \$25.

These are fans that would not be shown to you if you asked to be shown our stock of fans in the usual way. Stock-taking brings many times to our notice that get a back seat during the season. These fans are large in shape and out of style. The feathers in many of the fans are worth \$2.50 each. You can buy the whole fan for the worth of a feather.

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\$1.75 for regular \$2.75 and \$3.00 values.

\$2.75 for regular \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.50 values.

\$3.75 for regular \$5.75, \$6.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00 values.

\$5.00 for regular \$8.50, \$8.75, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00 and \$11.00 values.

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Many of these coats are suitable for spring. We have not taken the trouble to sort them out. All go on sale Thursday.

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Two pieces left of the Red Plush at 50c. yard.

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Annual General Meeting of
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Company in Good Financial
Condition and the Outlook
Most Promising.

The annual meeting of the Richard III. Development Co., Ltd., was held at Dunsmuir on Wednesday, the 17th inst. The meeting was well attended and represented practically all the shares. After submitting the balance sheet and directors' report, Mr. C. H. Dickie, the chairman, stated "that the balance sheet needed no explanation from him as it spoke for itself, showing the cheapest work done in B. C. mining, and he was also happy to state that the results justified the expenditure owing to the showing of ore at the mine. At the present time the showing extends beyond what the early developments had led the directors to believe, both in richness and extent," and the mine superintendent reported to him that the rich ore shute extends fully 135 feet in an easterly direction, with a width of at least four feet and widening. The assays on this ore would run well over \$100 per ton in gold, silver and copper. The ordinary baryte ore of Mount Slicker exists side by side with this, and is running parallel to it. The Tye mine developments are rapidly approaching our west boundary with the greatest amount of ore ever yet showing in the stope in the mine, and another company under the able management of Mr. C. Livingston, has installed an up-to-date hoist and compressor plant on the claim to the east of our boundary, who stand from present indications both of the trend of the ore on our property and the direction of the yield of the lode, to reap as rich a harvest as ourselves.

The meeting ratified the reconstruction of the company, and of the 60,000 shares, which the shareholders could be offered for subscription in the new company (Richard III. Mining Co.), a large number were applied for by the present shareholders at par value, \$1.

Mr. W. C. Rannels, the superintendent at the mine, reported enthusiastically, as to the showing of ore, stating that he had not seen the property for himself. The only complaint he made was that the ore was not being moved quickly enough from the dump, which would contain, roughly, 1,000 tons of ore, this delay being owing to the state of the roads.

The chairman intimated that the shares in the new company will be available for subscription in about two weeks, and will be issued at par and the proceeds of these shares will be applied to the final payment of the bond and equipment of the mine, so that he will be able to raise on a larger scale than heretofore. He stated that from present prospects the new company would be able to pay dividends when the transportation facilities were improved.

The retiring directors were re-elected and after a vote of thanks to the chairman, directors and secretary for their efficient services, the meeting adjourned. Vancouver Island and Port Townsend capital only is represented in the company.

Following is the directors' report:
The directors beg to submit herewith, balance sheet, covering the period from the date of incorporation to the 31st of January last.
The company has steadily pushed the development of the mine, and now have a total of 2,500 feet of workings, which include shaft 500 feet, drifts, upraises and crosscuts, 2,000 feet.

There has been found in all of the four drifts west of the shaft and in the 430-foot drift ore bodies were encountered, of which the shareholders were informed by a circular letter in September last. Before stopping on this ore it was decided to sink to the 50-foot level. This has been done, rich ore was encountered, and stopping now being proceeded with from this level.

The balance sheet shows the estimated value of ore raised during the carrying on of the development work. Sufficient work has been done to make it possible to determine with any accuracy the tonnage of ore in sight, but undoubtedly large bodies will be encountered as stopping continues. The mine is in good shape to guarantee a small daily tonnage for at least several months, but the indications are such as to lead the directors to expect that large bodies of high grade ore will be encountered in the immediate future.

A sample ton of ore was shipped to the Ladysmith smelter, and the assay shows values of 3.25 per cent copper (wet); silver, 25.85 oz.; and gold, .66. The smelter returns show the value per ton, after deducting their charges, of \$24.91. This, it should be noted, is the value on a commercial basis.

A contract has been entered into with the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Company, of Crofton, V. I., for treatment of our output. To the arrangement of this contract the directors gave careful consideration, and with the result that the terms are as advantageous as could be expected.

The retiring directors are Mr. H. Smith and Mr. T. A. Wood. Both these gentlemen

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Glasgow Evening News.

The late Sir William Allan put this question abruptly in the House of Commons on night: "Upon what does the safety of the British Empire depend?" To this question he gave the answer in a loud voice, and with a large dramatic gesture: "Upon its boilers, gentlemen." The House was startled a little, and not a little amused, at this statement; but a very slight consideration will reveal its essential truth. When a nation depends for safety upon its sea-power the condition of its ships' boilers is of the utmost importance, and not less important is the quantity of coal at its command in time of war. The quality of the coal is also an important matter. As smokeless powder is to an army, so is smokeless coal to a navy. In the smoke-hole the engineer desires the kind of coal that will give the maximum of heat, while in the counting-tower the captain desires the minimum of smoke. For it is no part of the naval strategy to throw up black signal-plumes on the horizon for guidance of the enemy.

In Russia and Japan there is much coal, but it is not of the kind desired by the naval engineer. The kind he desires is to be had at Cardiff, and to this Welsh seaport most of the nations of the world come for their coal. When trouble is brewing between nations, therefore, there will be signs of it in the Cardiff docks; and, as a matter of fact, the first evidence of the present crisis in the Far East was recognizable in the large consignments of coal being sent to Port Arthur. This was fully a month ago, and the procession of ships from Cardiff, coal-laden, going through the Suez canal has continued steadily ever since. It is calculated that Russia, at Port Arthur and Vladivostok, has piled up something like 100,000 tons of Welsh coal, and Japan has been quite as diligent. One day last week she chartered three vessels to load up at Cardiff with the utmost haste. In the event of war we may assume that coal will be declared contraband of war, and in that case it is desirable to have it on hand. The admiral of a fleet—brought otherwise—is inclined to be nervous about his coal supplies. However much he may like, and both Japan and Russia have large supplies, he never seems to feel that he has got enough.

Not less important is the question of docks and coaling stations. In this respect Russia is at a distinct disadvantage. There are only two Russian naval bases in the Far East—Port Arthur and Vladivostok—and neither the one nor the other is entirely satisfactory. At the present time of war, and until the end of March, the Bay of Peter the Great, which the harbor of Vladivostok which lies within it is sheathed in ice. It is possible that the Russian admiral may be able to keep the harbor open with his ice-breakers, but for three months of the year Vladivostok is a port with limitations. Even were access free it has only one dock completed (there is another building) which is capable of taking in a battleship or an armored cruiser. That would

be a serious drawback in the hurry of war.

Then there is Port Arthur. As a fortress designed to resist an attack from the sea it may be regarded as impregnable. The entrance is narrow, and it is made narrower just now by a wooden boom, while there are several large defending forts on the east side of the entrance, and on the thin jut of land called "the tiger's tail." Inside the harbor the basins, especially the eastern basin, can accommodate a large number of vessels, but the docking accommodation is still restricted. There are two docks completed, and one still building, so that, in the event of war, there would be a considerable jam-up while the fleet was being refitted after an engagement. Indeed, it is doubtful if the Russian fleet would be able to refit in Port Arthur after a general engagement, and that is one of the reasons why Russia may shirk a fair and square naval fight in the open. There is another point of importance. Between Port Arthur and Vladivostok, the only two bases possessed by Russia in the Far East, there lies a thousand miles of sea water, the narrow strait which can be held in force by Japan. That is not the least of the weak spots in the Russian naval position.

And just as Russia is weak because her sea-power is thus dispersed, so Japan is strong because her sea-power is concentrated. She has four extensive naval bases, which support each other more or less closely, because they are linked-up by the railways, and at no great distance from each other by sea. In the south there is the fortified naval base at Saeco, not far from Nagasaki, where there is a large dock and a small one. Then there is Kure, situated on the inland sea near Hiroshima, with its fortifications, its arsenal, extensive barracks, and two large docks. On the west coast, in Wajima bay, there is the naval base of Maizuru, while on the east coast, near Yokohama, there is the chief arsenal and fortified naval base of Yokosuki. In this estuary there are, in all, six large and four small docks. In the north, again, there is a large dock at Hakodate, while south of the smaller vessel in the Japanese navy can be docked at Osaka and Kobe. These two ports are situated on the inland sea, which forms a sea-highway between east and west, the entrance channels being fortified. There is also a fortified coaling station at Tsushima, an island in the straits of Korea.

From these brief particulars it will be seen that both in extent of docking accommodation, and in accessible naval bases which support each other, Japan has great advantages over Russia. In a prolonged war, especially if there is much fighting at sea, these advantages are certain to become prominent. Should there be a general fleet engagement, the battered Japanese vessels could coal up, refit, and push out to sea again long before the Russian vessels, crowded up at Port Arthur, could be got into fighting trim for the second round. It is for this reason that Russia feels that she is not quite prepared in the Far East to enter upon a naval war with Japan. And if the Czar is able to see a peaceful settlement at the present moment, this result will be due, not so much to the pacific wishes of the fighting party in Russia, as to their recognition of the fact that, in respect of efficient naval bases, all the advantages are on the side of Japan.

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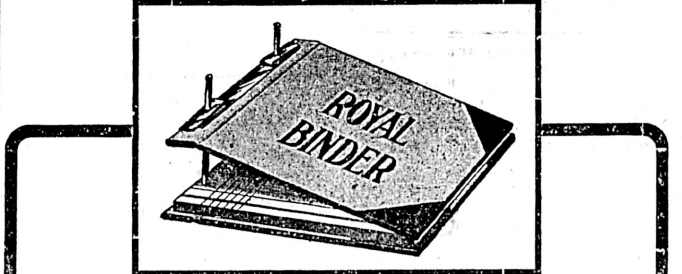
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Feb. 17.—The frequenters of the stock exchange changed their position on the market today and sold stock in contrast to the buying of yesterday, or rather the party which bought yesterday had not courage to continue their operations, while their opponents, who had sold at the advance yesterday, saw a profit in offering down prices and proceeded accordingly.

The influence which required attention and discussion was the rate war on export grain rates, especially that phase of it that concerned the lake traffic from Buffalo. As the dispute was wholly in regard to the making of contracts on business yet to come, the acrimony displayed is the more remarkable. Fears of a coming depression in railroad traffic and in general business are expressed. The rumors which which the opposing contentions are maintained on the comparatively unimportant matters of the differential on export grain rates from Buffalo to Philadelphia and Baltimore as against New York, came head to head to threats that retaliation and reprisal may carry the war to freight and other classifications and to other destinations. So far has been done of late years to neutralize the control of the old rate distorbers in trunk line territory that the involvement of two principal lines gives a decided chill to speculative sentiment.

Some attention was also produced by the whippers sent around that there was a heavy drop in cotton consignments. These rumors were without verification. The bond market was very dull and heavy. Total sales par value, \$1,240,000. United States bonds were unchanged on last call.

New York, Feb. 17.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

American Cattle	48 1/2
American Sugar	12 1/2
American Corn	19 1/2
Atchafalpa	10 1/2
Atchafalpa & Santa Fe	67
Atchafalpa & Santa Fe pfd.	80 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	42 1/2
Canadian Pacific	110 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	31 1/2
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	100 1/2
Colorado Southern	10 1/2
Consolidated Gas, New York	103
Colorado Fuel & Iron	32 1/2
Corn Products	18 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	10 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	10 1/2
Kansas & Texas	10 1/2
Kansas & Texas pfd.	30 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	100 1/2
Missouri Pacific	80 1/2
Missouri Pacific pfd.	82 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	18 1/2
New York, Ontario & Western	12 1/2
Northwestern	42 1/2
Erie Railway 1st pfd.	63 1/2
Erie Railway 2nd pfd.	41 1/2
Pacific Mail	27
Pennsylvania	100 1/2
Pennsylvania pfd.	100 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading	41 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading pfd.	80
Rock Island	22 1/2
Southern Railway	81
Southern Railway pfd.	81
Southern Pacific	40 1/2
Tennessee Coal & Iron	36 1/2
Texas & Pacific	22 1/2
Union City	90
United States Leather pfd.	70 1/2
United States Steel	11 1/2
United States Steel pfd.	109 1/2
United States Rubber	77 1/2
Union Pacific	80 1/2
Wabash Railway	18 1/2
Wabash Railway pfd.	35 1/2
Wisconsin Central pfd.	120 1/2
W. P. R. in London	120 1/2
Commercial Cable	103 1/2

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, May, 97 1/2; July, 88 1/2; Sept., 84 1/2; Oct., 84 1/2; Corn, Feb. 52 1/2; May, 53 1/2; July, 53 1/2; Sept., 52 1/2; Oats, Feb. 41 1/2; May, 41 1/2; July, 41 1/2; Sept., 41 1/2.

New York, Feb. 17.—Money on call, easy, at 1 1/2 to 2 per cent; ruling rate, 1 1/2; last loan, 1 1/2 per cent; time loans, easy; 60 days, 3 1/2 per cent; 90 days, 4 per cent; 120 days, 4 1/2 per cent; 180 days, 5 per cent; 240 days, 5 1/2 per cent.

New York, Feb. 17.—Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; sterling exchange, firm at \$4.87 1/2 for demand, and at \$4.82 1/2 for 60 days; posted rates, \$4.83 1/2 to \$4.84 to \$4.86; commercial bills, \$4.82 1/2; bar silver, 50 1/2; Mexican dollars, 40 1/2; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, heavy.

London, Feb. 17.—Lead, 11 1/2, 2s. 6d.

New York, Feb. 17.—Lead, \$4.40.

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W. EDMONDS.
Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17, 1904.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Alexander Roland Milne, Deceased.
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WM. W. NORTHGOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., February 4th, 1904.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Matthew Blaquiere, late of the City of Victoria, Deceased.

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PROVISIONS OF THE NEW GAME ACT

Amendments to Measure Made at the Last Session of the Legislature.

Following is the Game Protection Amendment Act passed at the last session of the legislature. It is published for the information of sportsmen:

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Game Protection Act, 1903," Amendment Act, 1904."

2. In this Act the term "deer" shall be construed as meaning quadruped animals of the species black-tailed deer, and shall mean both old and young of these animals. It shall be unlawful at any time to kill or attempt to kill any deer, or to export from British Columbia any deer or skin or hide of any deer.

3. Section 4 of the "Game Protection Act, 1903," is hereby repealed, so far as it prevents the exportation of deer skins or hides from any part in British Columbia between the 21st day of March, 1904, and the 1st day of July, 1904, both days inclusive.

4. It shall be unlawful at any time to take, catch, kill, or have in possession any of any kind or species under the size of six inches in length, and it shall be unlawful to take, catch, kill, or have in possession any trout of any kind or species, except steelhead trout (Salmo gairdneri), between the 15th day of November on any year and the 25th day of March in the following year, and it shall be unlawful to take, catch or kill any steelhead trout (Salmo gairdneri) above tide water between the 15th day of November on any year and the 25th day of March in the following year. This section shall not apply to children under (15) years of age.

5. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on good cause shown, by proclamation in two successive issues of the British Columbia Gazette, to declare a closed season for deer, elk, wapiti, moose, caribou, beaver, mountain sheep and mountain goat, or any one or more of same, in any part of the Province, for any period of time.

6. Any person offending against the provisions of this Act, or of any regulations under it, shall be liable for each offence, on conviction thereof in a summary manner before any Justice of the Peace, in accordance with the provisions of the "Summary Convictions Act," to the following fines: For the following offences, namely: For buying or selling a deer, or part or portion of a deer, or deer hide or skin, on Vancouver Island, \$50 for each animal or skin or hide bought or sold; for exporting any deer, wapiti or hide of any deer, the sum of \$20 for each deer, or skin or hide of deer; for any skin or fur dealer having in his possession any deer skin or hide, after the 1st day of July, 1904, \$20 for each skin or hide so found in his possession; any person killing or taking any deer, elk, wapiti, moose, caribou, mountain sheep or mountain goat, in any part of the province in which and during the period of time for which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have proclaimed a closed season under section 6 hereof, the sum of \$50, with costs, to be levied by distress, or imprisonment for any term not exceeding sixty days, or to both fine and imprisonment; for every violation of section 5 a sum of not less than \$20 and not more than \$50 for each offence, with costs, to be levied by distress, or imprisonment for any term not exceeding sixty days, or to both fine and imprisonment; that in case of a conviction being obtained and fine levied under this Act, half of the amount of such fine shall be paid to the informer or informers upon whose information such a conviction is obtained.

7. The "Game Protection Act, 1903," is hereby repealed, only so far as it conflicts with the provisions of this Act but no farther, and all powers to magistrates and constables given in that Act are ratified and shall be exercised for the carrying out of this Act.

Six Doctors Failed to Cure Him.

ERYSIPELAS AND SALT RHEUM WAS THE TROUBLE.

Burdock Blood Bitters

DID MORE THAN SIX DOCTORS COULD DO.

Mrs. Theo. Newell, Argyle Sound, N.S., expresses her opinion of this wonderful blood remedy in the following letter:

"It is with the greatest gratitude that I can testify to the wonderful curative powers of Burdock Blood Bitters. For years my husband suffered terribly with Erysipelas and Salt Rheum. He was so bad at times that he could not sleep on account of the itching and burning. He had been under the care of six different doctors, but they failed to do him any good. I had read different times of the wonderful cures being made by Burdock Blood Bitters, so advised him to give it a trial. He did so, and after taking five bottles was cured without a doubt. I would strongly advise any person troubled with blood disorders to give B.B.B. a trial for I am sure it will cure them."

CARE OF CHILDREN.

Subject Discussed at Meeting of the Mothers' Club Yesterday.

A well attended meeting of the Spring Ridge Mothers' Club took place yesterday afternoon in the Spring Ridge schoolhouse. Mrs. Ewing was voted to the chair and opened the meeting with a few words of prayer, after which she read a few passages from the Scripture relative to the subject they were about to discuss, "How to Develop Self-control in the Child." Mrs. Ewing was then called on and read a most interesting paper. She explained that the first and most important thing necessary for teaching the younger ones is that we ourselves must be thoroughly familiar with the subject. We are trying to teach; how few there are of us who really understand what it means to have the lower nature, with all its selfish desires, controlled by a higher self. The complete subjection of the lower to the higher is usually a slow process, but we can in time settle the question of supremacy by identifying ourselves with the lower and thereby help the children which master they shall serve and which shall control their lives. A decided stand should be taken and steadily adhered to. It is possible to teach by precept, but much better to do so by example, and train the little hands to some useful work is really the first step towards self-control. Mrs. King closed her remarks by reading a few extracts from some of the papers.

Mrs. Stadthagen then addressed the meeting in a very able and instructive manner, dealing with all the characteristics of the little ones, giving several illustrations from her own experience, particularly pointed out that in the first place, a child should not be taught obedience by fear, nor scolded in front of any other children, but first and foremost, the child must be taught to love, through kindness, the great responsibility God has entrusted to each of them. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the two ladies for their very enjoyable remarks, after which refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned till next week.

IN CELEBRATION OF PAARDEBERG

A Fine Entertainment to Be Given at the Drill Hall This Evening.

This is Paardeberg Day—the anniversary of that memorable engagement during the South African campaign when the Canadian contingent distinguished itself by a brilliant and successful battle—giving of their numbers freely in upholding the honor and glory of the greatest empire the world has ever seen. And in recognition of that day the Drill Hall will give an entertainment in the Drill Hall this evening. The complete programme is as follows:

1. Bangle band.
2. Physical drill with arms; No. 3 company.
3. Boxing contests.
4. Physical drill, without arms; Nos. 5 and 6 companies.
5. J. M. Finn's band.
6. Swedish exercise, No. 4 company.
7. 13 p. drill, Nos. 1 and 2 companies.
8. Tug of war, No. 5 company vs. the regiment.
9. Tableau, "Soldiers of the King."
10. "God Save the King."

The tug of war between No. 5 company team and an aggregation selected from the regiment is likely to prove most exciting. Keen rivalry exists between the opposing teams and neither will be defeated without a hard struggle.

The tableau, "Soldiers of the King," will be one of the best of its kind seen in Victoria. Forty men are taking part and different uniforms will be represented.

Probably the feature is the "take off" on J. M. Finn's band. This is under the leadership of Prof. Richardson, and is exceedingly amusing.

The tug drill contest between Nos. 1 and 2 companies promises to be particularly interesting. At the last tug-of-war regatta, the two companies were disappointed and put together in seven minutes.

THE WEATHER.
Meteorological Office, Victoria, Feb. 17.—8 p. m. SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is low over the North Pacific Coast in advance of an overcast which is likely to cause a southerly gale on the coast and a general rainfall over the Pacific Slope. With the exception of a few light showers the weather has been fair and mild. Higher temperature is reported in Cariboo, Kootenay and in the Territories.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	42
New Westminster	34	42
Kamloops	32	38
Barkerville	4	32
Dawson	16	32
Calgary	4	12
Winnipeg	4	12
Portland, Ore.	38	52
San Francisco	44	56

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Thursday:
Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly easterly or southerly, unsettled and mild with occasional rains.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled and mild with occasional rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17.
Wind.....Mean.....38
.....Highest.....42
.....Lowest.....32
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m.Calm.
Noon.....2 miles east.
5 p. m.Calm.
Average state of weather—Fair.
Rain—Trace.
Sunshine—1 hour 30 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Corrected.....29.960
.....Corrected.....29.993
.....New Westminster.....30.04
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....30.04

Goes On Ways This Morning

Steamer Tees to Be Hauled Out For a Thorough Overhaul.

Miowera a Week Late—Steamer Lyra Not Yet Reported.

This morning the steamer Tees will be hauled out on the Esquimalt marine ways for examination and repair. So far there has been no suitable opportunity to make a survey of the ship at the spot supposed to be seriously damaged, but the fact that she can move about under her own steam speaks well for the work done by her builders. The officer in charge of the steaming at the time of the accident, Mr. George Powell, explains that the mistake the high ground at Gonzales Point for Trial Island, and put the helm asternward, with the consequence that she headed straight for the rocks. This error was observed in time to have the engines going full speed astern when the ship struck on the rocks. This error has been made so often, even by veteran seamen, that the argument for a light on Trial Island point is enormously strengthened by this latest instance of the peculiar danger there. As noted in the Colonist the morning after the accident, the night was clear and fine, and save for the singular optical illusion that has baffled so many seamen at that very point, there was no excuse for the error. It is said that the steamer, which was under way at the time, was on Trial Island, and the only possible solution of the difficulty is a light on Trial Island, say the members with one voice.

THE OLD OLYMPIAN.

Once Famous Steamer Which Figured in Many an Adventure.

Lying in the stream but a few lengths from the busy wharves of the O. R. & N. Company, is moored the pioneer steamer Olympian, a craft with a history, and one that has been a staunch, speedy and handsome vessel in her day. But now she is almost a relic of the past, and she has remained at her present anchorage for over ten years, so may she lie for many more, says the Portland Telegram. Probably no steamer has been so long in the hands of her owners as the Olympian, for she is too expensive to operate, and is generally out of date, besides which her boilers are utterly useless in their present capacity.

Few are there of this generation residing in the city who have not seen the Olympian passing up or down the river, and she has figured at her anchor near the wharves for so long that the river travelers look upon her as a familiar mark, from which bearings are taken by the fishermen, and whom she has been used as a compass is unchangeable. The Olympian and her sister, the Alaskan, which was lost in 1889 off Cape Blanco in a terrible sea, when 40 souls were drowned, and the steamer, the O. R. & N. Company added them to its fleet in 1884, and they were the finest craft of the iron side-wheel type seen on these waters. The two were constructed by the O. R. & N. Company, and were never successful owing to the enormous running expenses. The Olympian was launched at Wilmington in 1882, and was bought by the O. R. & N. Company in 1884. She reached San Francisco early in March, and was despatched almost immediately to the Sound, in command of Capt. Thomas A. Smith, who had just returned from his trip over the Victoria-Tacoma route. For a year the steamer traversed the Washington waters, and was then returned to the Golden Gate for an overhauling. After that she made a round trip daily on the Victoria run, and her career from that time to 1886, when she was brought to the Columbia, proved featureless.

James Carroll was her master early in 1887, when she entered the Alaskan business under charter to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. She plied in northern waters until October, and was then seen on the Victoria route again, Capt. O. A. Anderson in charge. She continued in that trade until 1891, when her boilers being worthless, she was steamed here and laid up. Never since that time has she turned a wheel in active service. She has a wheel length of 250 feet, beam of 40 feet and 12.5 feet depth of hold. She has a vertical, self-condensing, working beam engine, 70 by 14 inches, and wheels 11 feet apart and diameter of 32 feet.

The Olympian figured prominently in a strike on the Sound in 1891, which tied up the large fleet there for the better part of a week, and was due solely to a wrangle between the marine and engineering departments of that vessel. Henry F. Smith, who is one of the well-known engineers on the Coast, was first assistant on the Olympian. On the day when the strike began, October 20, Smith and a deckhand engaged in an altercation because the latter attempted to operate a pump used for washing down decks. This was the nucleus for a fight, which involved the entire company, the engineers and firemen taking up for Smith, while arrayed against them were the mates and deckhands. Capt. McAlpine was then in charge of the boat, and he succeeded in restoring order with the aid of a revolver. The row was investigated by the inspectors with the result that most of the officers were temporarily suspended and then discharged. Smith's license was revoked. McAlpine was suspended for 30 days for "negligence and inattention to duty."



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JACK BACKS THE JAPS.

Enquiries made yesterday amongst the bluejackets as to what they thought of the Japanese navy men, brought the hearty response that the little brown gunners were strictly all right, and a broadside of complimentary remarks regarding their opponents, who are denounced as lubbers, lobsters and duffers. One bluejacket, after executing a lovely fresco in tobacco juice on the sidewalk and adding up his bags, opined that the sanguinary Russians were too sanguinarily afraid of the Japs to make any kind of a sanguinary stand. Continuing his dissertation he remarked that not a man in the fleet would weep for anything but the British navy were they called upon to go after the Russians with intent to do grievous bodily harm. "But," said he in disgust, "if them blooming Japs keep on this 'ere snoring pace, there won't be enough British navy left to stop a sanguinary biscuit. I like to see men who call themselves sailors stand up like sailors, even when they're getting a wallopin'." Seems to me that's a sanguinary sight too much for the old wife at home. (The Japs, blawst 'em.)

COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON.

More salmon will be caught in the lower Columbia during the open season of 1904 than for any of the five preceding seasons, is the opinion of canneries, well informed regarding the conditions and outlook, says the Oregonian. At the same time a higher price is to be paid for the fish, because three new canneries are to be established and the cold-storage plants will be enlarged. The open season for salmon will begin April 15th, and continue to August 15th.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer City of Puebla arrived at Whittier Head yesterday morning and came on to the city shortly after. She looks none the worse for her terrible experiences on her last trip south. She brought a number of passengers and a quantity of freight to the city. The tug Albion, which had the misfortune some days ago to lose a boom of logs between San Juan and Blaine, and reported in the Colonist, returned to the city yesterday from an unsuccessful search for the boom, which was washed up in the most approved manner. No sign of the boom was seen. The steamer City of Puebla, which was sold at Vancouver by Mr. H. S. Smith, Admiralty court marshal, to H. A. Jones for \$2,250.

The steamer Nell sailed last night for northern British Columbia ports with about the usual complement of passengers and cargo.

Mr. Joshua Kingham has been very generally congratulated upon his elevation to the important post of collector of this port, as announced exclusively in the Colonist yesterday morning. Amongst the marine men the appointment is regarded favorably.

Intense interest is taken by the Victoria public in the Chilian verdict, and also in the editorial utterances of the great newspaper of that country, the Oregonian. Without exception the verdict is condemned as unjust and incomprehensible in face of the published evidence.

The British ship Pass of Brander, which was damaged by a slightly winning roundabout Marrowstone Point last Monday, was quickly repaired at Port Townsend, and was towed to sea next day.

During a storm at Port Arthur the British Steamer Company's Pleiades quietly slipped out of the harbor and steamed to Canton, China. The vessel was detained by the Russians for more than a week. The Hongkong agents of the company, yesterday from an office at Victoria, reported that the Pleiades escaped without accident, and was now en route to that port. She is not expected in Seattle for at least three weeks.

With more than six weeks of the new year past, but a single charter for new crop wheat loading has been reported for either Portland or Puget Sound, and so far as known none at San Francisco. This is the first time in many years that there has been no effort to secure new crop ships prior to February.

The big tug Daring, built for the Gray's Harbor Towing Company, was launched Monday from Lindstrom's shipyard. The Daring is the first tug for the purpose ever built on Gray's Harbor and is a splendid specimen of marine architecture. She has twelve feet depth of hold, twenty-six feet beam, is 115 feet long and will have cost with machinery complete \$65,000.

Shipments of meat, beef appraising 1,000,000 pounds for the Russian government are at San Francisco to be shipped on the China, which departs for the Orient next week. The consignment will be consigned to Shanghai and shipped from there to Port Arthur.

The weather has been so severe for the past week that the Baker's Bay traps have caught no fish and most of them have been torn up by the heavy seas, says a despatch from Astor.

The German bark Alsterknie, which is taking on an extraordinarily large cargo of lumber at the Puget Sound mill for Callao, will probably not be ready to sail for a week or ten days.

Steamer San Mateo, which arrived in port Monday, left yesterday for San Francisco with 5,000 tons of coal. She was loaded at the electric bunkers.

It is probable that the British steamship Tydeus, of the Blue Funnel line, will not be able to leave Tacoma until Saturday. The delay has been caused by the interruption of shipments from the East, transcontinental lines having been tied up by snowstorms. Flour, lumber

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Up to the hour of going to press no word had been received of the steamer Lyra, from the Orient to Victoria, with 300 tons of supplies for the Chemical Works, and 300 tons of general cargo.

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